

PRIORITISE CASES OF CHILDREN FROM OUTSIDE KERALA: PANEL

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The Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has said that investigation into cases pertaining to children from other States or countries who reach Kerala and become victims of crime should be completed on a priority basis.

The commission on Thursday directed the Home Secretary and the State Police Chief that such cases should be prioritised while submitting chargesheets in courts. It asked the Social Justice Secretary and the Director to get in touch with the High Court of Kerala for priority in trial proceedings too.

The directive by a full bench of the commission, comprising chairperson K.V. Manojkumar and members K. Nazeer and B. Babitha, comes in connection with the sexual abuse of a six-year-old girl from Nepal in Kozhikode.

The commission had visited the girl who was undergoing treatment at Government Medical College Hospital, Kozhikode, and the house where she was abused. It directed the Home Secretary to ensure the services of the special public prosecutor to ensure punishment to the accused.

Security, aid

The survivor of abuse should be provided adequate security, and financial aid, including compensation, and a support person should also be allowed to her. She should be given all legal support, the commission said.

The commission suo motu took up the case following reports in the media.

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